

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following to the specification, following the Title:

"Statement of Cooperative Research Agreement:

The present invention, as defined by the claims herein, was made by parties to a Joint Research Agreement between Schlumberger Technology Corporation and Rhodia, Inc., as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of that Agreement relating at least to the field of the invention as described below. The Agreement was in effect prior to the date of the invention, and at the time the invention was made."

Please replace paragraph [0012] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

1. "[0012] According to a first embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a method for stimulating a subterranean hydrocarbons reservoir comprising contacting the formation with a treating fluid consisting of an acid, erucylamidopropyl betaine (or a protonated, deprotonated, homolog or salt thereof), and ~~a-nan~~-alcohol, typically selected among methanol and/or ethanol, and most preferably being methanol. The formulation of the present invention may also ~~comprisescomprise~~ various standard additives such as corrosion inhibitors, non-emulsifiers and iron control agents. One embodiment is a method of treating a subterranean formation involving contacting the formation with a treating fluid containing an aqueous solution, an acid selected from an organic acid at a concentration of greater than 12% and an inorganic acid, and a surfactant acting as gelling agent essentially consisting of erucylamidopropyl betaine, or a protonated/deprotonated homolog or salt thereof, without a co-surfactant; preferably, the acid is present in the fluid at a concentration of at least 15% by weight."